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(c) what the valuation of each suit was, how many below Rs. 2,500, how many above Rs. 2,500, how many above Rs. 5,000 and below Rs. 10,000 and how many above Rs. 10,000 in the years 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1926?

A.—(*a*) The Government have not the information.

(*b*) & (*c*) The information so far available with Government is contained in the statistics of Civil Courts which are published annually. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to judicial statements Nos. 7, 9, 11, 12 and 8 in these statistics.

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—" May I ask whether the Government have at any time considered the advisability of transferring the whole of the original jurisdiction of the High Court to the City Civil Court by amending the City Civil Court Act accordingly? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" No, not the whole jurisdiction of the original side of the High Court, but jurisdiction only up to Rs. 10,000."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—" I want to know whether the Government have at any time considered the advisability of transferring the whole jurisdiction? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" No."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—" Will the Government be pleased to consider that aspect of the question in connexion with the Bill dealing with the City Civil Court? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" No, Sir."

Disposal of files on the Original Side of the Madras High Court during the years 1932 *and* 1933.

* 731 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of judges and officers exercising judicial functions on the original side of the High Court, Madras, in the years 1933 and 1934;

(*b*) the number of suits, petitions and applications filed, disposed of and pending on the original side of the High Court in the calendar years 1932 and 1933; and

(*c*) the number of suits below Rs. 2,500, above Rs. 2,500, above Rs. 5,000 and above Rs. 10,000, filed on the original side of the High Court in the calendar years 1932 and 1933?

A.—(*a*) The Government have not the information.

(*b*) & (*c*) Information so far available with Government relates to 1932 and it is contained in the judicial statements Nos. 7, 9, 11, 12 and 8 of the statistics of Civil Courts which are published annually. The figures for 1933 have not been received by Government.

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Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" With reference to the answer to clause (*a*), may I ask whether the Government will please call for the information? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" I shall consider my friend's suggestion."

Forests

Forest grievances of the ryots of South Kanara.

* 732 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government or the Collector of South Kanara have received representations from the ryots of Puthur, Udipi, Coondapoor and other parts of the district of South Kanara recently regarding the forest grievances; and

(*b*) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Copies of resolutions passed at the ryots' conferences held at Puttur in December 1933 and January 1934 have been received and are under the consideration of Government. Information regarding the receipt of representations by the Collector of South Kanara, is not available.

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—" May I ask when orders are likely to be passed on this question whether they will be passed in the near future? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" As I told my hon. Friend the other day in the Council, the Government have called for reports from the District Collector and the Chief Conservator of Forests. They have not yet been received. I hope they will soon be received."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—" May I ask whether the Government are aware that the proximity of forests to cultivable areas in this district would cause a great hardship if the concessions which were granted to the cultivators were withheld? "

* The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" The Government are not aware of it, Sir."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—" May I ask whether the Hon. the Law Member himself did not inspect these forests when he visited the district recently? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" I only passed through some of these forests."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—" May I ask whether the villagers did not bring this grievance to the notice of the Hon. Member? "

* The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" The concession had not been withdrawn on that date. So, they could not have brought it to my notice."